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Part B for Aug. 1917.

SUBJECT.

Mismanagement of the temples of Sri Someswara Swamy, Subramanya Swamy & Anjaneya Swamy at Nilsoor.

To The First Asst. to the Hon. the Resident.

No. Pol. 203. Dt. 29.8.17.

Forwards a note prepared by the Inspection Supdt. on the management of institutions of the kind referred in his Communication (Sl. 1)

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FILE HEADING.

Mismanagement of the temples of Sri Somesvara Swamy, Subrahmanya Swami and Anjaneya Swami in Nilsoor.

From

The 1st Asstt & The Hon'ble The Resident in Mysore.

No. 4475 Dated 9. 6. 1917 Received 15 6 17

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for an expression of the views of the Durbar, copy of letter from the Collector of C & M stations, Bangalore and 3 copies reports from the Amildar, about the unsatisfactory state of the management of the 3 temples, referred to.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The Amildar's report no 336/1916 dt 19th July 1916 deals with Sri Someswara Swami temple at Nilsoor. While enumerating the endowments of the insttn, the Amildar reports that the temple building is in disrepair, that

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is not being regularly conducted, that the income is being misappropriated by the Dharmakarta and Archaks, that regular accounts of income and expr. are not maintained etc. The Amildar suggests that under instructions conveyed in Chief Comrs. × order no. 3233-42/R.564 dy 26.9.1879, the temple property may be taken under Govt. management, and a ~~the~~ Scheme framed for the regular conduct of Services etc. in the insts.

The Amildar's × report dy Septr. 1916 deals with the temples of Sri Subrahmanya Swami and Sri Anjaneya Swami. Owing to the mismanagement of these insts., the Amildar suggests that as in the case of Sri Somasvara Swami temple, a Scheme ~~of~~ for the efficient management of these insts. may also be framed.

The Collector of C & M. Stations requests the views of the Durbar through the Residency as to what is to be done in such cases.

No reps. on the subject are readily traceable.

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temples in question which are situated within the C & M Station jurisdiction, are said to enjoy Cash tasdiks, ~~and~~ land inams & private land endowments. It is not known where these inams are situated and how the Cash tasdik is being paid. The Amildar of the C & M Station refers to Inam Title deed No 42,222 dt 1-7-1876. May this be called for or the Supt's office be consulted? (The order 23/6/17 of 1904 quoted in the Amildars letter is also put up)

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Since no ref: is available in the Supt's Office, it seems necessary (i) to call for the title deed and (ii) to ascertain how the Cash tasdik is paid.

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Please see page 30 ante May ~~Memo~~ Memorandum. We need not go into the details of the grant. Put up a brief note with refce to Standing orders of Govt how they are Govt dealt with cases of such institutions. It is for the C & M Station authorities to decide if they are prepared

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to take up the management themselves or to hand the institutions over to new hereditary managers. I am doubtful if the Mysore Govt. can accept the responsibility. In case the worship ceases altogether the cash grant may have to be stopped

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The three temples of Someswara, Subramhanyeswara & Tryaneyaswami at Halsur, which are now under the management and control of the authorities of the C & M Station of Bangalore, are each in receipt of an annual cash grant of Rs 87-4-0 from the C & M. Station.

It having been reported by the Amildar of the C & M. station that the temples are being mismanaged & that the income from the Inam & other lands endowed to the temples are being misappropriated by the archaks & the dharmakarta, the Residency have, at the instance of the Collector of the C & M Station, requested the Durbar to express their views as to what is to be done in such cases.

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Cases of the kind are governed by sections 8-12 of the Mugrai Regulation VI of 1913.

Standing orders under C. Devadaya Inams, particularly G.O. no. 3233-42-R 544 & 26th Septr. 1879 ~~printed in pages~~ re resumption of inams for failure of service, printed in pages 619 to 621 of the new Rev: Manual are applicable to the cases in question.

4. G.O. no. 2921-2 & 21-3-04 directing that the Inam lands endowed to the Sri Virupakshesvaraswami and Durga Devi temple at Guttahalli village, Mulbagal Taluk, be immediately attached and taken under the management of Govt in the Mugrai Deptt, is a precedent in point.

As regards the better management of the temples, the draft rules of 1877 relating to the management of Devasthans (pages 45 & 46 of the Mugrai Memorandum) and the Rules under sections 13 and 15 of the Mug: Regulation, may be made applicable.

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Subn for orders (with a copy of the Mug Regln. Rules & Memo)

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letter

Submit with a draft reply as well as a note to be forwarded with it as directed personally
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A note from the Mysore Secy. is put up. Put up a clean draft of the
Covering letter
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After giving the Subject-
my best consideration, it seems to me
that the present form of the reply is suitable.
It is doubtful if the C & M authorities
will be prepared to assume the respon-
sibility of management in view of the
policy of neutrality in religious matters.
Nor is it likely that they would be
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Letter No.2588.,,dated the 30th/31st May 1917, from the Collector, Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, to the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

I have the honour to forward herewith reports dated 28-6-16; 19-7-1916, and 14-9-1916, from the Station Amildar in original (to be kindly returned) re the unsatisfactory state of the management of the three Hindu Temples in Ulsoor and of the usurpation of the income from the inam lands endowed to the temples, and to state that unless some proper steps are taken to see that they are kept in proper -- repair there is every probability of their going to ruins.

I would therefore request that the Mysore Durbar may be asked to express their views as to what is to be done in such cases.

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No. 4475

Mysore Resident's Office,
Bangalore, June 1917.

A copy of the foregoing letter, with its enclosures, in original, is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, -- General Department, with the request that the Resident may be favoured with the views of the Durbar.

* return requested.

First Assistant Resident.

wrote to the Residency with information as to how cases of mismanagement of endowed temples are dealt with by the Mysore Govt.

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TO

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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29th Aug 1917

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No.4475 dated 9th June 1917 forwarding a copy of letter No.2588 dated 30th ~~first~~ May 1917 from the Collector, Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, with its enclosures, in original, re. the unsatisfactory state of the management of three Hindu Temples in Ulsoor, and requesting for an expression of the views of the Durbar, I am directed to forward herewith a note on the subject submitted by the Muzrai Superintendent which goes in detail into the matter and to state that the Durbar are in general agreement with the views expressed in the note.

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Joint Secretary to Govt.,
Muzrai Deptt.

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Subject:-- Complaints of mismanagement of certain Hindu temples at Ulsoor within the limits of C & M Station.

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Complaints reached the Station authorities that the temples of Sri Subrahmanyaswamy, Sri Somesvaraswamy and Sri Anjaneya Swamy at Ulsoor are badly mismanaged. The Station Amildar who was asked to report, found the allegations true and recommended that the temples and their endowments might be taken under the management of Government as in similar instances within the State and that suitable arrangement may be made for the efficient maintenance of the institutions. The connected papers were forwarded by the Residency for favour of the Durbar's views in the matter.

2. Every one of these institutions is in receipt of a fixed cash grant from the Mysore State Funds (Rs. 87-4-0 per annum each) and is endowed besides with Government Inam lands and other properties, the details of which are given in the Amildar's reports. There is thus no doubt that they will be classed as Muzrai institutions if they had been situated within the State and their management will be guided by the provisions of the Muzrai Regulation No . VI of 1913 and the rules framed thereunder. The enactment did not introduce any new rights or procedure but sought only to restate authoritatively the principles and practices in vogue, and though the Regulation itself may not be in force within the limits of

Civil and Military Station it is a matter for consideration whether the principle for which it stands, viz. the right of Government to control and supervise the management of religious or charitable institutions receiving a Government grant, should not be held applicable irrespective of the Regulation. In considering this question, the following facts would appear to be relevent:-

(1) That until the rendition in 1881 these institutions were under the control of the Government in the Muzrai Department in common with other institutions of the State.

(2) That even now the institutions are in the enjoyment of grants from the Mysore State, the grant being conditional on the proper maintenance of the institutions to the satisfaction of Government.

(3) That during the Chief Commissioner's administration, enquiries and interferences were regularly resorted to in cases of mismanagement.

(4) That since the rendition there does not appear to have been any deliberate divestment of such a right so far as the Civil and Military Station is concerned.

(5) That though the present managers go under the name of "Dharmakartas" there is nothing to show that their rights are any larger than those of Dharmadarsis in Mysore.

3. It may be assumed at least for the purpose of this note, that the Civil and Military Station authorities will be prepared to take action to set right abuses on lines similar to those adopted in Mysore in such cases.

I paid a visit recently to these institutions and inspected the buildings in the company of Amildar, Dharmakartas and a few leading devotees, making enquiries about the arrangements made for the due performance of worship and execution of repairs to the buildings.

Sri Somesvara Swami Temple.

4. This is the most important of the three institutions and is in fairly good preservation though the oldest, having been built by Immadi Kempe Gowda about the latter half of the sixteenth century, (vide page 22 Gazetteer of Mysore, Vol. II). Some minor repairs are, however, required here and there such as the resetting of the -- platform of the stone pillar, rebuilding of a portion of the compound wall on the north-west corner owing to settlement, replacing of a cracked stone-beam in the inner Prakara and letting more light and air in the inner temple. What is more serious with the management is the absence of any satisfactory arrangement for the proper conduct of worship. For an institution of its importance and income, there ought to be a regular scale of income and expenditure providing for a larger establishment and a better style of daily worship. Even the cooked offerings are said to be prepared in the Archak's house, a very objectionable practice according to the Agamas. The establishment should provide for a cook and Paricharak, a few more Brahman servants for Upacharas, recitation etc. and one or two non-Brahman servants to keep the premises clean. The Yagasala which is one of the sacred parts of the temple is at present used as a cattle shed by the Archak and a portion of the Mukha - Mantapa is walled up and used as an occasional kitchen, the regular kitchen being relegated to lumber.

5. According to the Amildar's report, this institution has an estimated income of about Rs. 1200/- and a

large circle of devotees. In Mysore, the institution will be treated as a major one, liable to be brought under the direct management of Government and administered with the help of a committee of Dharmadarsis with limited powers of control and supervision. Vide A set of Dharmadarsi Rules, published under Section 15 of the Muzrai Regulation.

Sri Anjaneya Swami Temple.

6. This institution is also said to be very popular and well endowed with an income of about Rs. 960/- from the endowments alone. It is under the same management and worshipped by the same Archaks and being situated near the previous institution, it may well be clubbed with that for purposes of administration. The building is in good condition and as the demands for the temple service are not likely to be great, the surplus may be utilized in helping its sister institution or in spreading moral teaching to the public.

Sri Subrahmanyeswara Swamy Temple.

7. This temple is in urgent need of extensive repairs and if neglected the deterioration will be very rapid indeed. The Archaks of the Someswara Swamy Temple also perform worship here, but the Dharmakarta is a different man and the latter does not impress one as either capable or influential. The income of the temple is said to be about Rs. 400/- and if the regular services are to be performed, there will be very little left for undertaking the repairs which will cost anything up to about Rs. 5000. Unless the Public interested in the temple come forward to improve the building, there seems to be very little hope of arresting further deterioration.

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8. It is not unlikely that more public co-operation will be forthcoming if the management of the temple is set on better footing, and the present neglected condition of the building and mismanagement of the institution finances, will be ample justification for assuming management, and appointing a new set of Dharmadarsis for the control and supervision of the institution. To the case in point, the B. set of Dharmadarsi Rules will be applicable and this provides for larger powers of disposal than in the case of major institutions. In Mysore, an institution of the kind will also receive some help from State Funds towards repairs, but I do not know if this is feasible in the Civil and Military Station.

BANGALORE
Dated 8th August 1917.

Sd/- G. Aravamudu Iyengar,
MUZRAI SUPERINTENDENT

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